

HOUSE BILL 1079

By Turner M

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66,
Chapter 24, relative to registration and recording
of documents and electronic records in the office
of county register.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-24-101(d)(1), is amended by inserting the word "paper" before the word "copy" wherever it appears, and by deleting the last sentence in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-24-101, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

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(1) Any county register who receives electronic records pursuant to the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, codified in title 47, chapter 10, may register a document that is in an electronic form if the document is otherwise eligible for registration. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in addition to electronic records executed pursuant to the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, a document shall be considered in electronic form when the electronic document is created by making an electronic duplicate of an original paper document that is eligible for registration.

(2) All electronic documents eligible for registration pursuant to this subsection are validly registered when recorded by the county register. Electronic documents registered by county registers prior to the effective date of this act shall be considered validly registered.

(3) No county register shall be required to accept a document electronically.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application of it to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.